

A New Departure.

For several years the citizens of this city have been anxious for a local express delivery system such as larger and more populous towns enjoy. There has been no complaint respecting the general work of the American Express Co.—it has handled its business carefully, promptly and accurately, but it did not deliver the goods to the patrons; we were obliged to go to the office at the railway station for them. Then came the Blair and other delivery companies who left everything at our doors, and that only intensified our desire for free local delivery by the American folks. The long looked for boom is coming.

Beginning with April 1st, the American Express Co. will have an agent and an office of its own, entirely separate from the railway station. The company has rented for a term of years one of the stores in the new Basye block, which it will fit up with agent's office, storage room and all the other conveniences and appurtenances of a first class establishment. It will have an agent there who will give his entire time to the service, the same as in any other big city. They will also put on one or more delivery teams with good horses, new wagons and careful, competent drivers, so that goods and packages will be delivered to their owners as soon as they reach the city, instead of lying in the railway station for us to call. Furthermore there will be a special express delivery train run every week day afternoon from Chicago as far as Waukegan, carrying express matter only. It will probably leave Chicago about 3:30 p. m. each day, making quick time, so as to insure prompt and early delivery that same afternoon in every town along the line. If, as we hope and expect, they shall have the delivering of the goods from the Chicago merchants who now, through Blair and others deliver purchases free to the Park and their North Shore patrons; the ladies of these towns can go to Chicago any pleasant morning, make their purchases, which will be turned over to the American Express Co., put on their special train and be delivered to the

purchaser in her own home before dinner. The convenience and satisfaction of all this can hardly be overestimated. Mr. Antisdell, the Western manager of the company, assures us that they are determined to do everything possible for their patrons along this line. The morning service for the special benefit of

the grocers will be greatly improved also.

During a very pleasant debate Thursday evening Col. Davidson said he might have to go to Highwood for "suthin" and suggested that he might have to ask Attorney Knox to chaperone him. The attorney blushed, but put on one of his blindest smiles as much as to say, "Barkis is willin'."

Winnetka Department

The Lakeside fire company will give their annual ball Feb. 22.

Mrs. Carlton Prouty entertains several young ladies this (Friday) evening.

The dance given by Mrs. Copeland will be held Feb. 27 at the Prouty hall.

Mr. F. D. Turner and family have returned from the east, where they spent the winter.

Mr. Charles T. Vaughan has returned from Minnesota, where he has spent the winter.

Mr. E. W. Beach gave a dinner party to a few friends at the Winnetka club last Wednesday evening.

There will be a Colonial party at the Winnetka club on Monday, Feb. 19, given by the ladies' auxiliary.

The Woman's society of the Congregational church met with Mrs. Prouty last Thursday afternoon.

Little Kenneth and Florence Smith entertained a number of their friends at a valentine party on Wednesday, the 14th.

Prof. H. W. Beek opened his dancing class at the Winnetka club last Thursday. It is to be hoped that many will take advantage of Professor Beek's reasonable offer.

The following uncalled-for letters will be held at the postoffice until March 1st: Miss Alice Burrows, Mrs. Book, Geo. E. Redfield jr., Oscar Ruyle, Miss Matilda Pristensen, Miss Genesiese Fasvur, Katie L. Byrne, Miss Swan, Miss Olga Sofquist, Miss Alma C. Davis, Eleis Nelson, tailor.

Mr. Myron E. Vance has returned from his trip to Cuba.

The Woman's Guild will meet with Mrs. Weart on Wednesday at 2 p. m.

A masquerade party was given by Miss June Smith to a number of young friends at her home last Friday evening.

Mrs. Frederick Greeley entertained the choir of Christ church on Tuesday evening last, when the boys had a merry time.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Christ church will meet on Monday, Feb. 19, at 2 p. m., at Mrs. Frederick Greeley's, to listen to a missionary address by Miss Arnold.

The collection at the Congregational church next Sunday morning will go to the Congregational Educational Society, one of the six causes remembered annually by this church.

A silver tea will be given by the Woman's Guild of Christ church at the residence of Mrs. Seymour, Lincoln avenue, on Saturday, the 24th of February, from 3 to 5 p. m. All are cordially invited.

A missionary meeting was held at the Congregational church last Wednesday evening in place of the usual midweek meeting. Mrs. Carlton Prouty briefly reviewed the existing conditions in mission work, dwelling particularly on China, Turkey and Africa. This very interesting talk was followed by an able review of Mr. MacKenzie's book, "Christianity, and the Progress of Man," by Mrs. Q. L. Dowd. Refreshments and a social hour ended a most pleasant evening.